

ASIA OPEN Pickleball Championship 2024

PLAYER'S HANDBOOK Rules & Regulations

As per 28 Apr 2024 (version 1.4)



ASIA OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
7KM FROM TAN SON NHAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

SAVE THE DATE:
30 APR
-
04 MAY
2024

Prize Money:
USD 30,000

Categories
19+, 35+, 50+
Intermediate, Advanced, Open



1. AOPC 2024 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Tournament Directors	Mr. TQ Vu Mr. JP Qui Dr. Peter Mr. Jimmy
Tournament Director (Operations)	Mr. Jason Ms. Ngan Ms. Hoa
Chief Referee	Mr. HN Vo Mr. Smile
AFP Chairman	Mr. Hogan
AFP Marketing Director	Mrs. Michelle
AFP Rule Advisor	Mr. John

2. DUPR

AOPC 2024 will be using DUPR rating system. All the matches will be uploaded to the DUPR system after the tournament.

- All participants are required to sign up for a DUPR account using the same email you have used to register for AOPC 2024.
- If you do not have a DUPR account, SIGN UP here <https://mydupr.com/signup>.
Once you log in, click the link below to join the Asia Federation of Pickleball (AFP) Club on DUPR.
Please click the below Link to join the club. <https://mydupr.com/dashboard/club/5199113436/info>



3. EVENT DETAILS

Venue	Kỳ Hoà 2 Club 796 Sư Vạn Hạnh Street (link), Ward 12, District 10 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam 7KM from Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN)																																																						
Registration	18 February 2024 till 08 April 2024 How to register? www.afpickleball.org/aopc2024 Players are required to register individually and specify their partner's details before completing the checkout process. An email confirmation with tickets will be sent upon successful payment. It is essential that each partner registers for their respective games and identifies their teammate. Once both registrations align, teams will be paired accordingly. Looking for a doubles partner: - Kindly indicate this during the checkout process. The Tournament Director will arrange pairings for players without partners, once registration closes.																																																						
APG 2023 Seeded Players	All the champions in the individual event of APG 2023 listed on https://www.afpickleball.org/leaderboard , will skip* the round-robin stage and enter directly into Round 2 of the single-elimination phase in the AOPC OPEN division. Terms and Conditions*: 1. This applies to Open divisions with a minimum of two groups competing in the round-robin stage. 2. For doubles, you must pair with the same partner.																																																						
Registration Fees	Individual Intermediate / Advanced – USD 40 per player Open – USD 50 per player Team Challenge Open - USD 200 per Team																																																						
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Nationality	Open to participants of all nationalities.															
Handbook Updates	Information updates - https://www.afpickleball.org/aopc2024 No prior notice shall be given to the players. Please refer to the AFP website for latest information.															

4. RULES

- a. The tournament shall be governed by the General Rules and Regulations of AOPC 2024 Player's Handbook.
- b. Unless otherwise stated, we shall be adopting USA Pickleball (USAP) 2024 Official Rulebook: <https://usapickleball.org/docs/USA-Pickleball-Official-Rulebook-2024-v1.pdf>



- c. Players may use any USAP-approved paddle that is posted on the USAP website (<https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list/>) or non-approved paddles that comply with USAP rulebook section 2. E Paddle Specification. No wooden paddle is allowed.
- d. Official will randomly check at the beginning and when you change paddle during the games. We shall apply [2.F.1.a. 1-3] for any violation.
- e. If you do not have an approved paddle, the tournament official will lend you a USAP-approved paddle for your matches. You shall not demand for brand and model of your choice.
- f. We will be using USAP-approved **Diadem Premier Power Pickleballs (NEON GREEN)** for this tournament.
- g. All games (singles/doubles/team challenge) will follow the USAP scoring rule; serve to win a point. This is not a rally-scoring game.
- h. Round Robin matches, best of 16, Quarterfinal and Semi-final matches will be **NON-OFFICIATED PLAY** (13.D.1). Medal Matches will be officiated by referee and line judges.

5. ACRONYMS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Age Group Division	19 – 34 years old	35 – 49 years old	50 – 80 years old
Men's Singles	MS 19+	MS 35+	MS 50+
Women's Singles	WS 19+	WS 35+	WS 50+
Men's Doubles	MD 19+	MD 35+	MD 50+
Women's Doubles	WD 19+	WD 35+	WD 50+
Mixed Doubles	XD 19+	XD 35+	XD 50+

6. TOURNAMENT FORMAT (INDIVIDUAL EVENT - SINGLES & DOUBLES)

- a. The tournament format will consist of 2 rounds: -
 - Round 1** – Round Robin
 - i. Each Round Robin's Group shall be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5.
 - ii. Top 2 teams from each group will be promoted to Round 2.
 - iii. Game to 11 or 15 points. End change after scoring 6 or 8. No deuce. First to reach 11 or 15 wins.
 - Round 2** – Single Elimination
 - i. Game to 11 or 15 points. End change after scoring 6 or 8. No deuce. First to reach 11 or 15 wins.
- b. **Medal Match (GOLD medal match | BRONZE medal match):**
 - i. 3 games to 11 points. No deuce, first to reach 11 wins.
 - Game 1 & 2 no End change. Game 3 End change after scoring 6.
 - Best of 3 games. The first team to win two games is the winner of the match.
- c. In the case where a division with only 1 round-robin group: -
 - i. **3rd position** will be determined by the round-robin results.
 - ii. **For Intermediate and Advanced: 1st and Second position will be determined by the round-robin results.**
 - iii. **For Open (Prize Money):** The first 2 teams from the Round Robin shall play the **GOLD medal match**: Refer to point 6b (3 games to 11 points).



- d. In each game, each team is allowed to have 2 time-outs, max 1 minute each. [10.A & 10.A.1]
- e. All Round Robin matches shall be self-officiated play, and there shall be NO referee and line judges. Players will call their scores and make the line calls following guidelines spelled out in the Official Rulebook [13.D.1].
- f. A Technical Officer (TO) is assigned to each court to oversee the match and record the final match results. Any dispute can be raised to the officer on duty. The technical officer will inform the Referee to resolve the situation.
- g. Tournament Director (Referee) may at his sole discretion assign officials or include additional officials to officiate any matches. This can be done before the match commences or during the match.
- h. Tie Resolution – Tie during the Round Robin matches shall be resolved following USAP rulebook section 12.C.4.
- i. Referee and line judges will be assigned to medal matches.

7. ACRONYMS FOR TEAM CHALLENGE

Division	Age Group	Team <i>(Player is NOT ALLOW to join more than one team)</i>
TC 19+	19 – 34 years old	Each team shall consist of <u>min 7 and max 10</u> players. 4-6 Men + 3-4 Women
TC 35+	35 – 80 years old	

8. TOURNAMENT FORMAT (TEAM CHALLENGE)

- a. Team Challenge will consist of 2 rounds,
 - i. **Round 1** - Round Robin
 - Each Round Robin Group shall be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4.
 - The top 2 teams from each round-robin group will promote to Round 2
 - ii. **Round 2** - Single Elimination
- b. Each Team Match consists of 4 games: -

Team Challenge	Court 1		Court 2	
	Game 1	MD (2 points)	Game 2	XD (2 points)
	Game 3	MD (3 points)	Game 4	WD (2 points)

- i. Games 1 & 2 will be played concurrently followed by Games 3 & 4.
- ii. Game to 15 points. End change after scoring 8. No deuce. First to reach 15 wins.
- iii. The team who scored 5 game points, wins the team match.
- c. Team captain may submit different team player line-ups in different matches.
- d. The 4 games line-up must be submitted to the tournament desk 10 min before the scheduled time of the match. Each player can participate maximum 2 games in a match.
- e. We shall apply the same point 6d – 6i for the Team Challenge.

9. MEDALS

- a. Medals (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) shall be awarded to all divisions (Singles, Doubles and Team Challenge). For Team Challenge, there is a maximum of 10 medals.



- b. Trophy shall be awarded to the Team Challenge Champion.
- c. The Prize presentation ceremony shall be held soon after the final. All prize winners must be present personally at the ceremony in neat attire.

10. SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

- a. The AOPC Tournament Directors reserve the right to amend the rules and regulations or reschedule the fixtures of the tournament at any time as it deems fit. The decision on all such matters shall be final. Participants will be informed via the AFP website before the start of the tournament or during the games.
- b. All players must report to the tournament desk at least **30 minutes before the scheduled match**. Players should wait at the **"Zone 1, 2 or 3 waiting area"** for your match announcement.
- c. Player shall concede a walkover if the player is not on the court after the grace period.
 - i. 10 min – 1st game forfeit if the match is best of 3 games.
 - ii. 15 min – Match forfeit (for 1 game match or 3 games match).
 - iii. The max point shall be awarded to the other team player/s who is/are present on the court.
- d. We will be using USAP-approved Diadem Premier Power Pickleballs (NEON GREEN) for this tournament. No similar colour apparel and clothing (shirt and shorts) are allowed.
- e. In all Non-Officiated Play, the server (or the partner) should call out the score. The opponent should echo back the score. The hand signal is allowed.
- f. Medical Timeout – Refer to rulebook 10.B.1.a. We will amend as: "When medical personnel or the Referee arrive, the Technical Officer or Referee shall start the 15- minute timer."
- g. Injury or retired: In the event of a sustained injury, you may choose to retire from a match. If this happens, your score at the point of retiring from the match shall remain status quo while your opponent shall be awarded the maximum point. You shall be allowed to resume the rest of the scheduled matches if you are well enough to continue.
- h. All protests shall be made in writing accompanied by a protest fee of USD\$100.00 and must be lodged in person to the organising committee before the end of the game day. No protest will be entertained thereafter.
- i. You grant AFP & PFVN officials the rights to take videos and pictures during the tournament. All information we obtain will be used for publicity and the promotion purpose of the sport.
- j. During the tournament, photography, and video recording by the public or individual are prohibited. However, personal capture for non-commercial purposes is permissible. The organizers do not guarantee privacy protection for individuals. Capturing others' images entails personal risk. Any personal or friend-captured media involving others is undertaken at one's own risk. Organizers should not be held liable for individual actions.
- k. **Disclaimer of Liability for Safety and Damages**
Please be advised that AFP members, captains, the organizer, and its agents shall not be held liable for any safety-related incidents, injuries, or damages that may occur to you while on our premises or during the event. This includes but is not limited to accidents, injuries, losses, or damages arising from any actions, omissions, or conditions beyond our control. We recommend that you maintain appropriate insurance coverage to protect against any potential risks or liabilities.

This disclaimer of liability is intended to establish a clear understanding of our respective responsibilities and should not be interpreted as a limitation of our commitment to maintaining a safe and conducive environment.
- l. Any queries please email to hello@afpickleball.org.